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1. Five closed boxes, and the following planes were seen at the Laerz (n 54/U 33) airfield: 47 jet planes with swept-back wings, [ ] on their fuselages and red national emblem with white-red rims; 21 one-seater, low-wing monoplanes with radial engine and red propeller hubs; 15 single-engine two-seater low-wing monoplanes with in-line engine, white propeller hubs and yellow national emblem; 5 biplanes; 4 low-wing monoplanes without engines; and 1 single-engine two-seater low-wing monoplanes with an in-line engine and dark green propeller hub. The latter was only partially unpacked. \*
2. Captain Ivanovo, (fmu) mess officer, and Lieutenant Balishev, (fmu), of the administrative company were identified.

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25X1 \* [ ] Comment. The presence of two-seater planes with one in-line engine is reported for the first time. The planes can only be Il-2 or Il-10 ground attack aircraft. The report

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does not definitely indicate whether the planes arrived in boxes at the Laerz airfield but from the information that one plane was partially unpacked it is possible. If this assumption is confirmed it must be concluded that the ground attack unit arrived from outside of the Soviet zone of Germany. No reports have been received indicating that a ground attack unit previously stationed in the Soviet zone of Germany was transferred to Laerz. In addition to this possible ground attack unit, two fighter regiments equipped with LA-9s and type 14 jet planes, are still stationed at the field. The planes of both types counted at the field do not represent the total strength of the two fighter regiments. According to previous reports the two regiments are equipped with at least 55 jet planes and an unknown number of LA-9s.

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